

Showing us all, as to what new heights a heart can climb!
 Beseeking us all to behold, the beauty of mankind!
 As against all odds, somehow Bryan the way back you'd find!
 As you live each new day, all in honor of your Brother Waters in kind!
 And that blood that binds you, forever in time!
 For in your heart your brother in arms, Machine Gunner . . . this American Hero will never die!
 Yes, Strength In Honor Bryan . . . is what your most courageous life defines!
 As so Gotham is your heart, so beating here now so in time!
 For all in your life, you will so teach woman and mankind!
 Because, Tenth Mountain man . . . you do, you do shine . . .
 For Bryan there is no mountain that you cannot climb!
 All over this Gotham City with your Gotham heart in time!
 Yes, arms and legs we all need . . . but we can survive!
 But, without a Gotham Heart of Gold . . . we will surely die!
 Because, up in Heaven you need not arms or legs!
 And Bryan my son, that's where your are going one day!
 And you will look into our Lord's eyes!
 And if ever I have a son?
 I wish he'd have a heart as Gotham, as your one!
 Hooah Bryan! For you have mountains to so climb!
 And you have miles to go, and hearts to heal and inspire before you die!
 As Bryan, out across our Nation your Gotham Heart so cries!

HONORING GERALD SCOTT

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Mr. Gerald Scott, on the occasion of his induction as a distinguished alumnus of Mountain View High School.

Mr. Scott graduated from Mountain View High School in 1970, after which he received his Associate's Degree from Keystone College and his Bachelor's Degree from Wilkes College, all while working as a carpenter and a machinist. In 1983, he received his Master's of Science Degree from the University of Virginia and two years later his Doctorate. Mr. Scott then began his career at Alcoa as a senior engineer overseeing the Wire and Bar Division of the company. Mr. Scott gained invaluable experience while at Alcoa, primarily in the field of international business, as he was able to travel to Asia, Europe, Australia, and South America on behalf of Alcoa.

Mr. Scott has numerous patents and publications, both here in the United States and internationally. His community involvement includes membership to the Carnegie Museum, service as a judge for Junior Academy of Science at the University Of Pennsylvania Wharton School Of Business, automotive racing consultant to the NHRA, and a NASA advisory board member. Gerald and his wife, Lynn, are the proud parents of three children, Alexander, Philip, and Karl.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Mr. Gerald Scott, and ask my colleagues to join me in praising his commitment to country and community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, I inadvertently voted "no" on rollcall No. 774. I intended to vote "aye."

UNITED STATES-PANAMA TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the U.S.-Panama Free Trade Agreement.

We have been waiting to vote on this agreement since it was first signed in 2007, which means four years of lost opportunities.

But now we have a chance to repair that damage.

In the past year alone, Panama's economy grew 6.2 percent, making it one of the fast growing in Latin America and an expanding opportunity for American exporters.

Panama is already among Miami-Dade county's top 25 trading partners, and Florida as a whole ranks number one among the 50 States in exports to that country.

These figures will only increase once the FTA has been approved and American businesses no longer face heavy tariffs and other artificial barriers to trade.

Currently, U.S. industrial exports face an average tariff of 7 percent, with some tariffs as high as 81 percent.

Once this agreement goes into effect, 87 percent of all U.S. goods exported to Panama will become duty-free immediately.

In the past 4 years since the U.S.-Panama Free Trade Agreement was signed, American companies have paid millions upon millions of dollars in tariffs to the Panamanian government.

Those are dollars needlessly spent by U.S. businesses, which they could have used for investments and expansion here in the U.S. instead of paying fees to a foreign government.

Approval of the U.S.-Panama FTA will eliminate this transfer of wealth, increase U.S. exports, and create new jobs here at home that so many Americans are desperately searching for.

The agreement also has many other provisions of importance to U.S. businesses, especially strengthening intellectual property rights, which are under assault around the world.

In addition to the potential economic growth stemming from this agreement, Panama is a key strategic ally in the region.

Ever since the Panama Canal was completed a century ago, Panama's importance to

the U.S. has only increased as a major transportation route, with two-thirds of its traffic consisting of shipments between our west and east coasts.

For these many reasons—expanded exports, increased jobs, and closer ties with a strategic ally—I strongly urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote in favor of the U.S.-Panama Free Trade Agreement.

AMERICAN TRADE AGREEMENTS

HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the spirit of competition, in support of American workers and as an advocate for a government that seeks to provide economic certainty for the businesses that create jobs in this country.

Later today, the House will vote on bipartisan trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea. These agreements represent an opportunity to compete, grow jobs and promote American exports.

Here is what we know. Ninety-five percent of the world's customers live outside of our great country.

Here is what I believe. If America gives itself the opportunity to compete with other countries—like these three agreements will—American manufacturers and farmers will deliver, and we will win.

Job creation is a red, white and blue issue. And that is why you see Democrats and Republicans coming together to provide this opportunity for American exports to compete.

In the 17th District of Illinois which I have the honor to represent, I recently visited a company that manufactures mining trucks. Nine out of 10 of these mining trucks are bought by customers overseas. These jobs are dependent on exports. This same company also manufactures bulldozers, 8 out of 10 of which are sold to buyers overseas. Yet again, this is an example of jobs being created because of demand for American products by customers in the global economy.

These trade agreements will reduce tariffs on goods and remove barriers that are currently in place. By leveling the playing field for our manufacturers and farmers, we can further promote these cornerstones of the American economy. We need to enact policies that strengthen our manufacturing base which is why I am a cosponsor to legislation offered by my colleague and friend, DAN LIPINSKI. Three million manufacturing jobs and almost 4 million agriculture sector jobs are dependent on U.S. exports.

The independent U.S. International Trade Commission estimates that these agreements will increase American-made exports by \$13 billion and inject \$10 billion to our GDP. President Obama estimates that these agreements could create a quarter-of-a-million jobs.

According to the Congressional Research Service, the last time the United States signed a trade agreement was back in 2006 with Peru. These FTA's could have been sent to Congress back in 2009. Every day we hold off on is a day we deny American workers the opportunity to compete.

These trade agreements aren't about rhetoric, they are about results. We cannot afford

to sit on the sidelines while other countries enter in to trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea, causing us to lose market share.

Again, I rise in support of these trade agreements. If as a country we are allowed to compete, I know we will deliver.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
MAYOR FRANK SALVATO OF
WARREN, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mayor Frank Salvato of Warren, New Jersey. Frank was a lifelong resident of Warren Township, in the heart of Somerset County, where he owned and operated a farm for over forty years.

Frank held the record as New Jersey's longest serving elected official. During his 60 years of public service Frank served five terms as Mayor of Warren and was a member of the Township Committee for eleven terms. Frank also served on the Board of Adjustment, the Board of Health, the Planning Board and the Recreation, Police, Roads, Finance, Environment and Senior Citizens Boards. He was a 50-year Charter member of the Warren Lions Club and served on the Watchung Hills Regional High School Board of Education for 27 years, including seven years as its president.

Today I rise to share Frank's tremendous accomplishments and dedicated public service with the House of Representatives. I extend my sincere condolences to his wife, Aldona, and his family and my deep gratitude to Frank for his lifetime of service and leadership.

HONORING RAYMOND WILMARTH,
JR.

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Mr. Raymond Wilmarth, Jr., on the occasion of his induction as a distinguished alumnus of Mountain View High School.

Mr. Wilmarth graduated from Harford Vocational High School in 1950 and went on to attain a General Certificate from the American Institute of Banking. Mr. Wilmarth served as an active duty member of the United States Army, including a tour in Germany from 1953 through 1955. In 1962, Mr. Wilmarth became Vice President of County National Bank, a position he held until 1990. Raymond, along with his wife Ruth, owned and operated Harford Store until he became Business Manager for the Mountain View School District in 1993.

As a proud member of his community, Mr. Wilmarth has served as President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Montrose Rotary Club. Additionally, Raymond founded the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and the District 741 Girls Leadership Camp. From 1992 to the present, Mr. Wilmarth has served as the Chairman of the Board for the Endless Moun-

tains Health System and has worked to raise money for equipment purchases, facility improvements, and land purchases, striving to improve healthcare in the area.

Raymond and Ruth are the proud parents of six children.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Mr. Raymond Wilmarth, Jr., and ask my colleagues to join me in praising his commitment to community and country.

IN RECOGNITION OF KATHY
CLONINGER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER OF GIRL SCOUTS OF
THE USA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathy Cloninger for her outstanding service as the Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of the USA for the past 8 years, and for her 28 years of service to the Girl Scouts Movement.

Kathy Cloninger epitomizes the American spirit of community service. She has devoted her life to girls and to an institution that itself is a shining example of America at her best. We honor her today for a career that has been dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Ms. Cloninger's journey with Girl Scouts began in 1983, and spanned more than two decades of service as CEO of Girl Scout councils in Tennessee, Texas and Colorado.

After taking the reins at Girl Scouts of the USA in 2004, Kathy initiated a truly transformative strategy that led to a national realignment of the Girl Scout Movement. Under her guidance, Girl Scouts accomplished a nearly impossible task by successfully merging 315 councils down to 112 high-performance councils. Thanks to Kathy's compelling leadership, the Girl Scout Movement has unified around a common mission and business strategy that has set the organization on a path to success for its upcoming 100th anniversary and beyond.

Kathy has also been instrumental in developing the Girl Scout Leadership Experience where girls discover themselves and their values, connect with others and take action to make the world a better place. She oversaw the launch of the first-ever national program evaluation system that measures girls' development of 15 leadership outcomes and ensures that all Girl Scouts grow into strong leaders in their lives today and into the next generation of female leaders in our country and the world.

Ms. Cloninger should also be commended for heightening Girl Scouts' focus on research and advocacy activities. During her tenure, the Girl Scout Movement amended its Constitution to be the "voice for girls and an expert on their growth and development." The Girl Scout Research Institute has published many groundbreaking studies on issues that affect girls and leadership, such as research on body image, social media and girls' participation in science, technology, engineering, and math, as well as research on African American and Hispanic girls' leadership aspirations.

Thanks to her vision, Congress and decision makers across our nation have an incredible resource in the Girl Scout organization, so all of us can better understand the issues girls face today and advocate for the solutions important to their success.

Ms. Cloninger has received numerous awards for her work, including "Nonprofit CEO of the Year 2000" from the Center for Non-profit Management, and "CEO of the Year 2008" from the National Assembly of Human Services. In 2010, Ms. Cloninger was named one of the "21 Leaders for the 21st Century" by Women's eNews.

Kathy's service as a leader expanded beyond the Girl Scouts. As a champion for youth empowerment and the non-profit community, Kathy served as chair of the National Collaboration for Youth, she was the secretary of the board of directors of the National Assembly of Human Services (2008–2011), was on the national boards of the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance and the National Council for Research on Women, and she is a member of the Women's Leadership Board of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Ms. Cloninger is also the author of the forthcoming book *Tough Cookies*, which chronicles the recent transformation of Girl Scouting and issues a call to arms on behalf of all girls today. Johnnetta Cole, President Emerita of Spelman College and Bennett College for Women, explained, "Tough Cookies shows what vision, courage, and an unflinching dedication to mission can accomplish. Kathy Cloninger makes it clear that the Girl Scouts—and girls—rank high among our nation's treasures."

It is obvious why Kathy has received such wide praise for her leadership. I would have to agree with Willie Pietersen, leadership guru and author of *Reinventing Strategy*, who noted that, "Guided by a transcendent mission and Kathy Cloninger's courageous leadership, the Girl Scouts have transformed themselves for a new century."

Kathy leaves Girl Scouts on the eve of its 100th anniversary, which they will celebrate throughout 2012. Kathy led the Girl Scout Movement to this exceptional point in history with a mission and program that is as critically important today as it was 100 years ago, and I know she leaves it a stronger, more vibrant part of our culture.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Kathy Cloninger for nearly 30 years of service to the Girl Scouts and to our country. We wish her the best in all of her continuing work for girls nationwide.

UNITED STATES-KOREA FREE
TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMEN-
TATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, at a time when millions of American families are struggling and so many people are looking for work, passage of the U.S.-South Korea Free Trade Agreement should be a top priority for our government.

It is time to grant American businesses and exporters barrier-free access to the world's 13th largest economy.